

tions. There is no doubt that the municipalities have traditionally served and continue to render a very valuable function in providing services to people within their areas from early colonial days.

But it is obvious that the municipalities are now in competition with the growing responsibility of the counties to provide municipal service. As the Committee analyzed the testimony of the representatives of the county commissioners and the mayors of the municipalities during better than six weeks of its earlier deliberations, it could not but see that the counties were going to continue to provide more of the services, formerly identified as municipal services. The Committee particularly anticipated that they would expand their services with the provision of the broad grant of powers under the so-called shared powers approach.

I want to say that there are sixteen delegates here to this Convention from Prince George's County. There are thirty-eight municipalities in Prince George's County.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett, you have one-half minute.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: We, more than any other county, have felt the impact or the pressure of the Maryland Municipal League. Notwithstanding that pressure, we have sought diligently and carefully to find a middle of the road approach, without giving outright autonomy to the municipality, but rather to preserve those municipalities in a working relationship with the county.

We have found this in sections 7.07, 7.08 and 7.09. I am opposed to Delegate Macdonald's amendment. I am more opposed to Delegate James' amendment. I ask that you vote them both down and support the Committee's approach.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question?

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as a substitute for Amendment No. 8 to Committee Recommendation LG-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No is a vote against. If the amendment is adopted, it will be substituted for Amendment No. 8, and submitted to you for adoption. If it fails, Amendment No. 8 will be before you.

Cast your vote.

Have all the delegates voted?

*(There was no response.)*

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 16 votes in the affirmative and 105 in the negative, the motion is rejected.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 8. Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in opposition to Amendment No. 8.

The Committee did a great deal of work in bringing about what I consider an excellent compromise, and I can only say that this work should be reflected in your vote against this amendment and in favor of the Committee sections that deal with municipal corporations.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Gullett.

DELEGATE GULLETT: Mr. Chairman, as Delegate Clagett mentioned that he reluctantly spoke in opposition to Delegate Macdonald's motion, I also reluctantly speak in opposition to Senator James' amendment, for the reasons Mr. Boileau has set forth. I see he has made an excellent attempt to state the same thing in fewer words and in an improved style. Perhaps some of this will be done in styling in the future, if problems develop. However, we feel that the compromise we have drawn between the counties and municipalities is a legitimate one, and we hope that it will carry.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I, too, regret having to oppose Senator James' amendment, as I have the highest respect for him. I think the amendment has considerable merit, but I think we ought to vote in favor of the Committee's recommendation. I might add that of those who